

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3107 - HB 3318

February 26, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders. The Department of Health will provide staff and administrative support. The 22 members of the Commission will be appointed by the Governor and will serve without compensation except for travel reimbursement. The Commission will meet at least three times per year and will be responsible for developing a comprehensive state plan for creating an integrated system of training, treatments, and services for individuals of all ages with an autism spectrum disorder. The Commission shall submit the plan and recommendations to the Governor, the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Select Committee on Children and Youth by October 1, 2011, at which time the Commission shall cease to exist. The Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities must appoint a subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the state plan that is developed by the Commission and submit a report to the Governor and the Select Committee on Children and Youth biennially until October 1, 2015.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$13,500/FY10-11
\$4,500/FY11-12**

Assumptions:

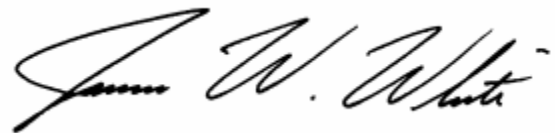
- The 22 members of the commission will receive travel reimbursements for attending meetings pursuant to the provisions of the bill. The commission will meet three times in FY10-11 and at least once during FY11-12. All meetings will be held in Nashville.
- The make-up of the commission includes nine commissioners and directors of state departments and agencies, four legislative members, four professional autism spectrum disorder (ASD) treatment providers, and five parents of children with an ASD.
- The nine commissioners and directors will not receive travel reimbursement for attending the meetings.
- It is estimated that of the remaining nine non-legislative members of the commission will be from East and West Tennessee.
- Each of the nine East and West Tennessee members will receive \$349.56 per meeting which includes mileage (286 miles x \$.46 = \$131.56), hotel (\$119), meals (\$99). The total increase per meeting for these members is estimated to be \$3,146 (\$349.56 x 9).
- Each of the four legislative members will receive travel and per diem expenses of \$339.44 (\$185 per diem plus \$154.44 mileage for each member) per meeting resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$1,357.76 per meeting.

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- The commission will meet three times in FY10-11 resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$13,511.28 [3 x (\$3,146 + \$1,357.76)]. The commission will meet at least once in FY11-12 resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$4,503.76.
- Any cost incurred by the Department of can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Pursuant to provisions in the bill the Commission will make recommendations regarding legislation, administrative regulations and policies including funding sources.
- It is assumed that the implementation of the plan developed as required by the proposed legislation will require additional legislative action. The fiscal impact of the implementation of the state plan is not included in this fiscal note.
- According to the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Council is funded by federal funds in the amount of \$1,861,100. Depending on the magnitude of the implementation of the plan, the Council could need additional staff positions and resources to monitor the implementation of the state plan that is developed by the Commission. The Council would not be able to use federal funding for this purpose and would need state funds for this purpose. Also, the Council could be in jeopardy of losing federal funding if the requirements placed on it are considered outside the federally mandated responsibilities of the Council.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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